

President Woldseth called the October 7, 2008 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center and moved immediately into the work/study session scheduled. Other directors present: Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Superintendent Rasmussen noted that the purpose of the work study is to continue the board and administration's discussion on the effective monitoring for E-2 Academics and Foundations.

The Board and Administration talked about measuring reasonable progress, and the tools and variables involved in such measurement. The administration pointed out that in the overall areas of reading (at 93% meeting standard) and writing (with 96% meeting standard) considering the formula for above/below the standard, it appears that Issaquah students have "about topped out" in terms of continuing to show appreciable progress; however, in the areas of science and math there is still room to show growth. Measuring reasonable growth in the areas of special education, gifted, and various other sub groups was also part of the discussion.

7:24 p.m. short break to prepare to proceed with the regular agenda.

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Issaquah School Board President Jan Woldseth called the October 7, 2008 regular meeting to order in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center at 7:37 p.m. noting the Board and Administration had been in work/study session since 6 p.m. With President Woldseth were directors Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Ms. Woldseth noted the preceding work/study session on Ends monitoring.

Steve Crawford led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public

- Alison Meriweather, PTSA
- Kathleen Kennedy – Klahanie Community – requesting change in transportation routes to provide separate transportation for middle and high school students in their community.
- Libby Baracani – BLMS attendance area – also spoke to transportation service to her area.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – no changes, but Dr. Rasmussen noted that a slightly revised monitoring report for EL-3 (item #1 on the discussion agenda) has been attached to the agenda since it was first posted.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

Action was taken on consent agenda items as noted.

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of October 7, 2008, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and further described as General Fund vouchers 264032 through 265057 in the total amount of \$1,318,820.981; Capital Projects vouchers 264261 through 265083 in the total amount of \$808,502.27; ASB Fund vouchers 264284 through 265157 in the total amount of \$202,053.59; Payroll vouchers 160456 through 160693 in the total amount of \$2,178,144.79; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,518,008.98.

2. Accepted one gift of \$2,500. to help students with scholarship needs at Issaquah Middle School.
3. Approved Resolution Number 940 to raise the ASB Imprest/Petty Cash Accounts for Liberty and Skyline High Schools to meet the demand for extra curricular activities and athletic events.
4. Approved the 2008-09 BEA compliance report as presented.
5. Approved the minutes of the September 24, 2008 regular board meeting as presented.
6. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*
7. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
8. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
9. Approved new classified employees as presented.*
10. Approved classified resignations/retirements/terminations as presented.*

*personnel listings are available by clicking on the appropriate item on the electronic agenda for this meeting:
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/Events/ViewEvent.aspx?ID=123&KEY=62wyUdKP>

Monitoring Report: EL-3 Personnel Administration

Ms. Weaver moved the Board accept the Monitoring Report for EL-3: Personnel Administration as presented.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Deagle and, following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rasmussen briefly highlighted some of the elements of the report and concluded that, based on the interpretations and evidence provided, all directives are in compliance.

Construction Projects Update

Steve Crawford provided an update to the Board on the current construction projects in the District. He noted that he wanted to acknowledge and thank the City of Sammamish staff for their assistance in moving the Skyline project forward with necessary permitting.

With regard to the Issaquah High remodel project, conversations with the City continue to make certain that all parties understand each others needs in terms of information, timeline, etc. in order to continue to move the project forward smoothly.

Planning for E-15 is on schedule with groundbreaking planned for mid-April.

Summary of Board/Cabinet Work/Study Session

Superintendent Rasmussen suggested a brief “FYI” summary for the public on the work/study sessions that frequently precede regular board meeting agendas. The Board agreed and discussed briefly the work/study session (also see notes at top of page 1) prior to this meeting. President Woldseth also noted that the public is welcome to observe the work/study sessions as “...hard, but exciting work.”

The Board discussed scheduling the next work/study session on Wednesday, October 29th if that date isn’t needed for the Boundary Review Committee, or on October 23rd prior to the meeting on basic ed funding (under Legislative Matters the board established a special meeting on October 23rd).

Legislative Matters

- Ms. Fletcher announced the Jennifer Priddy, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services for OSPI, is available to attend a meeting on October 23rd to make a presentation on ed finance, and following her presentation, Rep. Glenn Anderson and Rep. Ross Hunter, local legislators on the Basic Ed Finance Joint Task Force, will speak about the Task Force’s funding proposal. The public is encouraged to attend. Similar meetings have been held in neighboring districts and have been very well attended.
- Ms. Weaver and Ms. Fletcher reported on the recent WSSDA Legislative Assembly.

- The Olympian Coalition has begun meetings for the year.
- Ms. Weaver attended the state PTA Legislative Assembly.

Ms. Fletcher moved the Board establish a special meeting on Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m. to hear about the work of the Basic Ed Task Force and initial projections for ed funding solutions in Washington. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center.

The Board agreed with Superintendent Rasmussen's request that a work/study session be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting on October 23rd.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on various works in progress throughout the District.

Announcements and Correspondence

- The WSSDA Foundation is seeking items for their scholarship auction as part of the annual conference in November. These donations are made from personal contributions by local school board members, not using district funds.
- The Issaquah Schools Foundation Luncheon is October 16th and a silent auction is part of that event as well.
- Ms. Fletcher noted Issaquah board members will be participating at the WSSDA Conference on the topic of 21st Century skills.
- Ms. Weaver and Mr. Deagle are preparing draft questions for board applicant interviews on October 20th.

Future Agenda Topics

- The Board will make a final determination on interview questions on October 20th prior to the interview session.
- Special meeting scheduled for October 23rd (under Legislative Matters above).
- For future work/study sessions: possibly Oct 29th, November 12th or November 5th. Superintendent Rasmussen requested board members place a "hold" on all off-board meeting Wednesday evenings.

Calendar

Ms. Weaver moved the Board establish a special meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mandarin Garden Restaurant (tentative location) in order to conduct an informal joint meeting with members of the Issaquah City Council to discuss matters of mutual interest. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fletcher and carried unanimously.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the October 22, 2008 regular board meeting.